



September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

AUTUMN TERM 2023

We are happy and excited to have the new Year 5 children; they are settling in beautifully, adapting quickly to new routines and working hard. They are already setting a fantastic example around school.

In Literacy this term, we will be doing work around forests inspired by our geography topic, writing poetry and persuasive writing inspired by film trailers. Our class book is 'The Jamie Drake Equation' by Christopher Edge. In Maths during this half term, we will be working on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions and decimals, and shape and space.

Other topics will include:

- Science -Earth and Space / Forces
- Geography - Forests
- PE - New scheme with the new sports leaders
- Art - Typography
- DT - Light
- Computing - Systems and searching
- PSHE - Being Me in My World
- RE - Inspirational people
- Music - Garage band
- Spanish - My family

Children will have Spanish lessons on alternate weeks and music lessons every week. Homework is given out on Fridays and due in by the following Wednesday. It is designed to consolidate work done in class and to develop children's enthusiasm and self-discipline for learning outside of the classroom. Please encourage your child to complete homework ready for Wednesday morning.

Children read regularly in school and the expectation is that they read at home for 20 minutes every day, to be recorded in the reading diary. Please ensure that you or your child notes when they read at home and that this comes to school every day so teaching staff can monitor reading at home and spellings can be stuck in.

As the weather gets cooler and wetter we may have to have breaktimes inside, if this happens we like to put something on for the children to watch. This will always be chosen by a member of staff and checked that it is appropriate. We occasionally put PG films on, if you would rather your child did not watch PG films please let a member of the Year 5 team know.

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P.E.

P.E. is on **Wednesday** afternoons for both classes. Please send your child wearing their P.E. kit on that day. They will wear this all day. Children can wear trainers or plimsolls, navy shorts/ tracksuits bottoms or leggings, white t- shirt and a suitable hoodie/sports jacket in the school colours. The class teacher will need a letter if your child is unable to participate in P.E. Please ensure their name is on **all school uniform** including P.E. kit.

If you are unable to attend or have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team